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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REFERENCE: STATE 204786 AND STATE 204787

1. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF THE TELEGRAM,
AMBASSADOR SHOULD INFORM ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST
APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT TO APPROACH PARTICIPANTS IN UNITED NATIONS
WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
CONCERNING THE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING EXPLICIT RE-
AFFIRMATION OF THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE 1975 UNGA
RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM AND THE
DECADE AGAINST RACISM.
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2. USG HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS
(REFTELS) ASKING THAT AN AIDE MEMOIRE BE DELIVERED
AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL REQUESTING THE HOST
GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AGAINST EFFORTS TO EXPLICITLY
REAFFIRM THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION
AND THE DECADE AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE. WE HAVE

FURTHER URGED OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE EC-9 TO CREATE
A COHERENT STRATEGY AGAINST EFFORTS TO REAFFIRM THIS
LINKAGE.

3. WE ARE ALSO COMMUNTCATING WITH THE MODERATE ARAB
STATES
TO REQUEST THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY EFFORT BY THE
RADICAL ARABS TO REAFFIRM THE Z/R LINKAGE BECAUSE SUCH
A REAFFIRMATION WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT UPON THE
PEACE PROCESS.

4. IN ADDITION, SECRETARY VANCE IS SENDING A PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE AFRICAN NATION
WHO WILL BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE (IDENTITY
OF AFRICAN CHAIRMAN IS UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT) ASKING
THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS CHAIRMAN OR WHOEVER IS CHAIRMAN,
TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE EFFORTS TO EXPLICITLY REAFFIRM THE
DEFINITION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM AT THE CONFERENCE.

5. THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION IS DEMONSTRATED NOT ONLY BY
THE FOREGOING ACTIONS BUT BY THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT
ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE, DESPITE OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS
OTHER OBJECTIVES AND DISAPPOINTMENT EXPRESSED TO US BY
SOME AFRICAN STATES AS WELL AS CONCERNED US GROUPS. WE
CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT OUR ACTION WILL DETER THE EFFORTS
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TO BRING FORWARD A ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION, BUT WE CAN
DETECT ALREADY AN AWAKENING CONCERN AMONG OTHERS AS A
RESULT OF OUR APPROACHES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO EXERT OUR INFLUENCE
WHERE WE CAN.

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